

VILLAGE OF HAMERSVILLE
Village Council Meeting
 January 16, 2023

The Council of the Village of Hamersville met in regular session at the Village Municipal Building on January 16, 2023 with all members present.

Also, present was: Guy Sutton, David Grimes, Officer Travis Stone, Jesse Spencer, Teresa Gall, Mary Collins, Jerry Seibert, Leslie Lovell, Bev Coomer, Jack Haynes, Melissa Zahn and Jason LaRue.

Mayor Hill called the meeting to order and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Mrs. Spencer, Seconded by Ms. Edwards to approve the regular meeting minutes of November 21, 2022. Motion passed unanimously

Motion by Mrs. Spencer, Seconded by Mr. Wilson to approve and pay the bills. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Participation

Ms. Mary Collins inquired if the problems village residents were having with the post office had been resolved. Mayor Hill confirmed they had not.

Mrs. Teresa Gall announced the following upcoming events sponsored by HCAT:

- February 2, 2023 - ABCAP will be available to provide information for programs and assistance for village residents.
- IPM (food pantry) tentatively scheduled for March
- Currently working with several hair dressers to set a date for free haircuts for village residents.

Ms. Leslie Lovell addressed Council regarding a rumor she had heard that a council member had sued the Village. Mayor Hill stated that he and Council were not permitted to discuss pending litigation.

Mr. Jerry Seibert inquired if Council knew who he would contact regarding the abandoned property by the Marathon station. Council expressed the property in question was owned by Steve McKinney.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Hill requested adoption and approval of the following for 2023:

- Ohio Basic Code
- Ohio Revised Code

Motion by: Mr. Wilson, seconded by: Ms. Edwards, to adopt the Ohio Basic Code for 2023. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by: Mrs. Spencer, seconded by: Mr. Wilson, to adopt the Ohio Revised Code for 2023. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Hill requested nominations for 2023 council president.

Motion by: Mrs. Spencer to nominate Don Wilson as 2023 council president. Seconded by: Mr. Owsley. Motion passed unanimously with Mr. Wilson abstaining from the vote.

Motion by: Mrs. Spencer, seconded by: Ms. Edwards, to approve the meeting minutes of December 19, 2022. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by: Ms. Edwards, seconded by: Mrs. Spencer, to approve paying the bills. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Mayor Hill reported he is still working on the veteran's flag program.

Mrs. Melissa Zahn, Utility Clerk, addressed Council regarding the proposed ordinance regarding the cost for removal and installation of utility meters. A discussion ensued regarding the previous proposed ordinance that had not been finalized due to lack of determining an hourly rate. Ms. Marlow recommended doing a separate ordinance for the sewer as grinder pumps are shared by more than one household. General consensus of Council was to direct the village solicitor review having separate ordinances for the various village utilities as well as compare the village's current utility rates with those other villages charge.

Mrs. Spencer inquired as to when the individual committees should meet. Council briefly discussed the matter with general consensus that the committees should determine when and how often they need to meet.

Mrs. Spencer inquired if Clark Township was still willing to do ice/snow removal for the village. Mayor Hill confirmed that they would not be providing those services to the village. Mayor Hill expressed his appreciation to Jason LaRue, Utility Supervisor, for handling the snow removal in sub-zero temperatures during the weather event in December. Mayor Hill recommended obtaining estimates for snow removal. Council discussed his recommendation as well as the possibility of purchasing equipment in order for the village to do their own snow removal.

Ms. Marlow inquired about the current village building codes and expressed that they may need to be revisited.

Mayor Hill provided Council with samples of proposed employee evaluation forms for their review and requested they approve one that would be used.

New Business

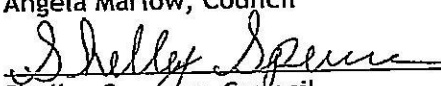
Chief Sutton reported the emergency service building is in need of repairs due to issues from improper construction work previously done to the building. A discussion ensued regarding the matter as well as possibly submitting it to the village' insurance company.

Chief Sutton reported the village would be receiving approximately \$5,300.00 from FEMA from a previous 2018 claim.

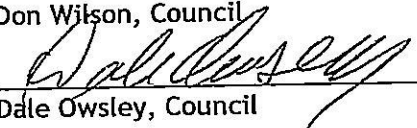
Ms. Marlow inquired if someone writes a grant how is it determined what they are paid. Chief Sutton explained that the payment would have to be determined prior to them writing the grant application. A brief discussion ensued regarding the matter.

There being no further business, Motion by: Mrs. Spencer, Seconded by: Mr. Wilson, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.


Wayne Hill, Mayor

Angela Marlow, Council

Shelley Spencer, Council


Sheila G. Dufau, Fiscal Officer

Don Wilson, Council

Dale Owsley, Council

Melanie Trumble, Council

Mary Edwards, Council